

To the Honorable Board of County Commis-  
sioners for the County of Worcester

At their Session to be holden on the third  
Tuesday of June A.D. 1863.

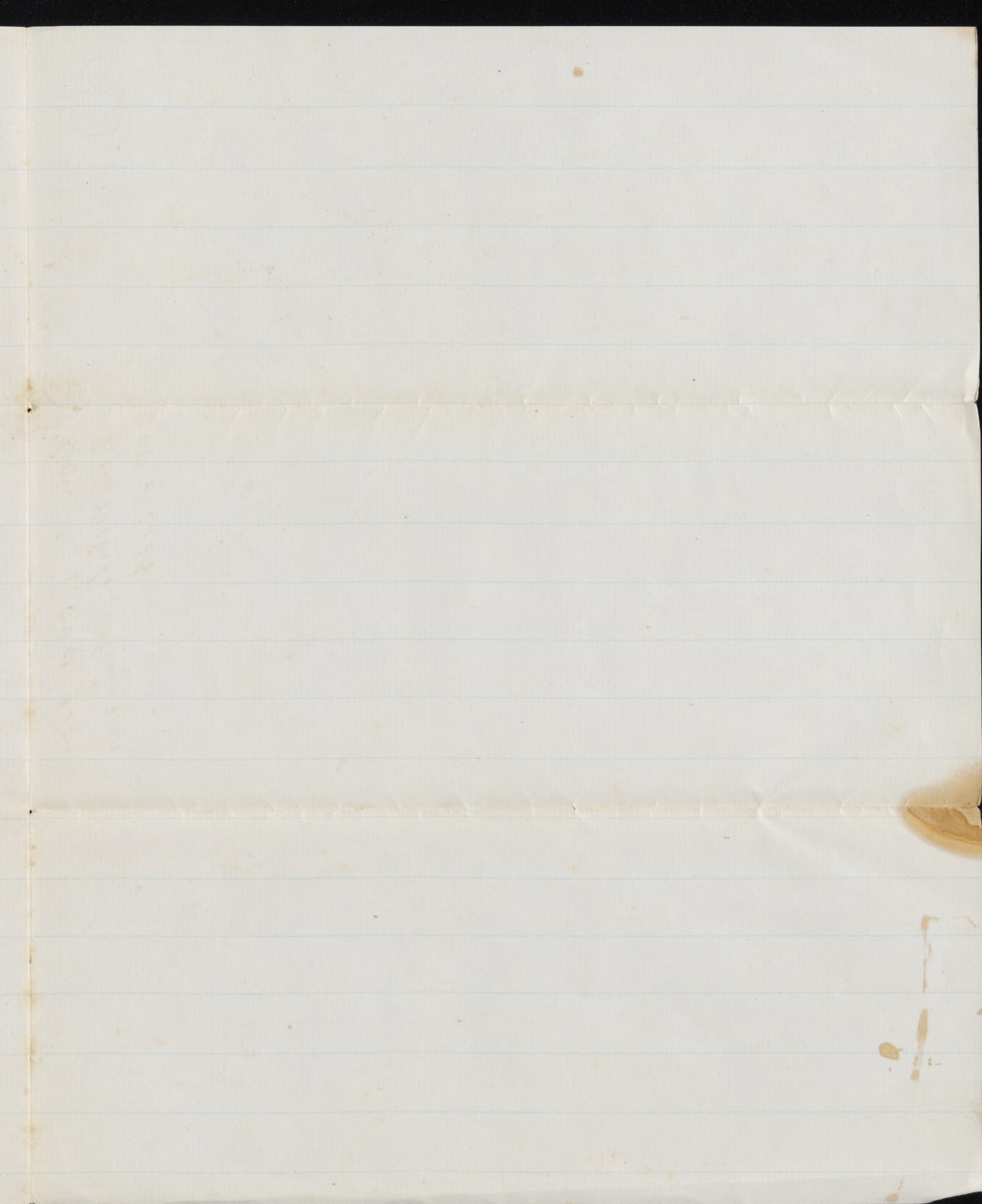
Respectfully represent your petitioners  
that the County road between the villages  
of Westboro' and Southboro' in said County is  
hilly, circuitous and inconvenient between  
the ~~boundary~~ point where it crosses the  
boundary line between said towns and the  
dwelling house of Dea. Webster Johnson in  
said Southboro' and that Common Con-  
venience & Necessity require an alteration  
in said road between said termini

Wherefore your petitioners pray your  
Honorable Board to view the premises



and alter said road between said points  
by laying out a new County road over  
substantially the same ground over which  
said town of Southboro has agreed to lay  
out & build a town way and by dis-  
continuing said County road between  
said termini.







County Road from  
Dea Webster Johnsons  
to Weston line.

1863

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We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Southborough, being met this twenty ~~first~~ day of ~~November~~ in the year of our Lord 1864 for the purpose of laying out a town way from the new County Road leading by the house of Sullivan F. Outhank, commencing at a Stone Monument a few rods east of said Outhank's house and running southerly to a point near the Shop of Calvin Burbank; have attended <sup>to</sup> that service and have laid out and located said road for the use of the town as follows to wit: - Beginning at said Monument which is on the south line of said County Road thence running S  $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E six rods to an angle; thence S  $3^{\circ}$  W twelve rods to an angle; thence S  $16^{\circ}$  W nine rods to an angle; thence S  $23^{\circ}$  W eight rods to an angle; thence S  $87\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W two rods to a Stone monument a few feet northerly of the Shop belonging to said Calvin Burbank. Said Road is located on the easterly side of said meter & bound and is laid out two rods wide.

The Selectmen having heard all persons in relation to damages who desired to be heard thereon, considered and adjudged the following sum to be paid by the town of Southborough to the owners of land, hereinafter named, in full compensation for all damages which they will sustain in consequence of the location and construction of the town road aforesaid.

Said Road is reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.



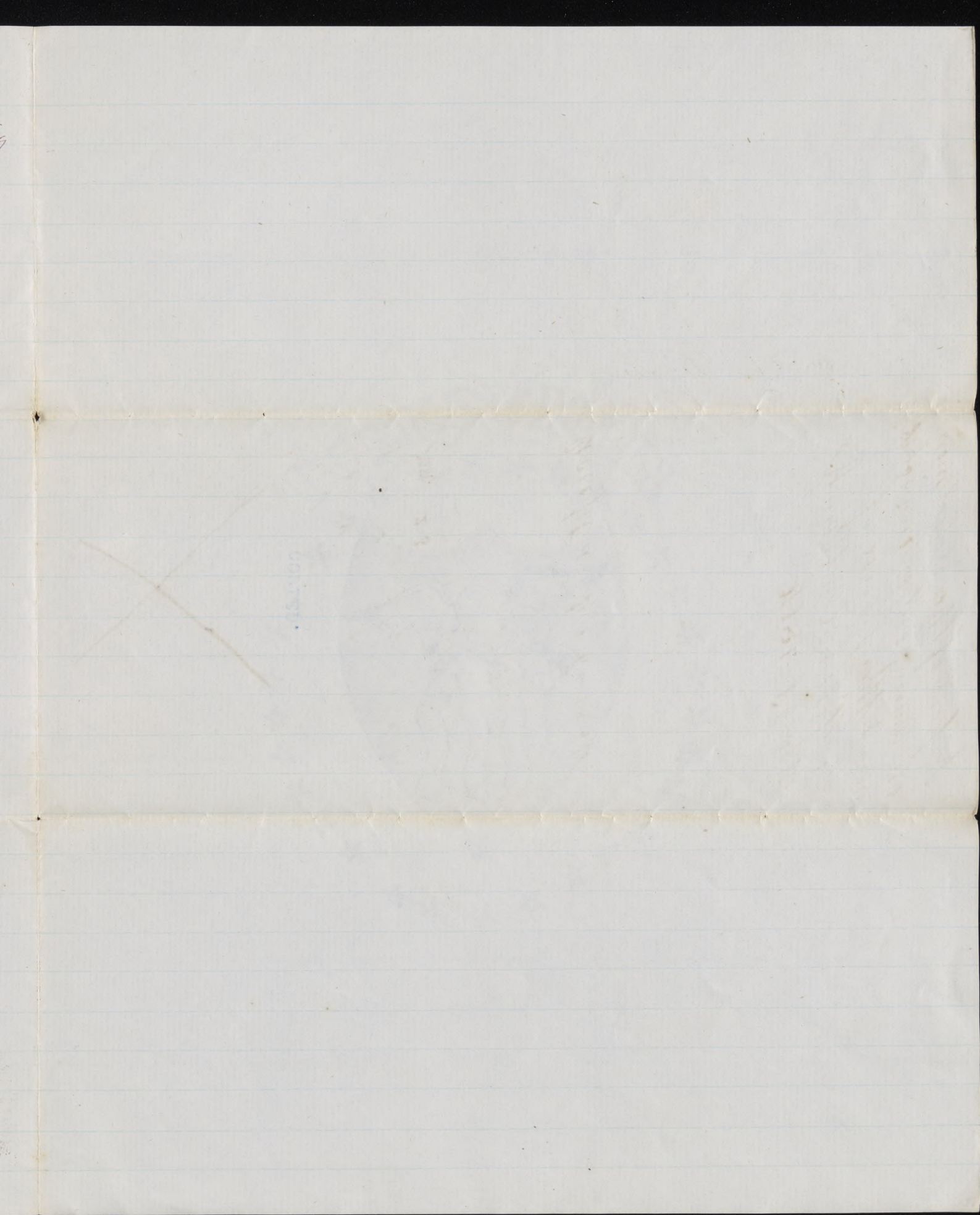
To David Brewer fifty dollars  
To Sullivan P. Anthony nothing he having claimed nothing

All of which is respectfully submitted

Peter Fay  
Curtis Newton  
J. W. Pickwood

} Selectmen  
of the town of  
Southborough.







~~Report of the  
Selectmen in laying  
out a town Road near  
the house of Sullivan  
F. Anthony~~

~~Oct 24 1864~~

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Recd & put on file in  
the Town Clks office

Nov 23  
Oct 27 - 1864

L. Este, Town Clk

Accepted Dec 6 - 1864

Report of the Selectmen  
in laying out a town road  
near the house of  
Sullivan F. Anthony  
Nov 21 1864



Southboro June 1st 1865

Highway Surveyors to S Walker Esq

To services the month of May	✓ 50 00
" Cash paid J. Moley for 22 days labor @ 50¢ per month	✓ 40 40
" " " E. Hixon for horse & cart 3 hours	✓ 60
" " " J. W. Buck for 46 loads gravel @ .08 per load	✓ 3 68
" " " Silas Brigham for 2 men & man 3 1/2 hours	✓ 1 75
" " " for 1 hat	✓ 50
" " " J. Burnett for 3/4 day @ 1 75	✓ 1 32
" " " H. Parker for use of harrow	✓ 75
" " " Wm. Muckmore for labor 1/2 day	✓ 1 00
" " " Louis Johnson	✓ 1 00
" " " Mr. Taylor as per bill (Hart H Co)	✓ 14 80
" " " " for horse & cart 3/4 day @ .06	✓ 1 19
" " " Cordaville Manufacturing Co 75 loads gravel	✓ 5 70
" " " F. W. Walker as per bill	? ✓ 12 80
" " " Parker, Estor & Co as per bill	✓ 5 10
" " " Wm. Doby for sharpening picks	✓ 88
" " " for 1 hoe	✓ 85
" " " C. B. Savier for meal	✓ 4 25
" " " J. Burnett for 87 loads gravel	✓ 14 67
" " " " for 4 men & 2 men 1 hour	✓ 5 22
" " " " "	✓ 1 00

Ex on F.W. Walker bill \$ 152 79  
 Rec'd Taylor & Co 3/50  
 S Walker 9 29

\$ 149.29



Four.

May 1865

Walker

\$ 152.79

3.50

\$ 149.29

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1866  
Southbro. March 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

The Highway Surveyors and  
general Road Committee of Southbro.  
for the year ending March 5<sup>th</sup> 1866. Submit  
the following Report.

Highway Surveyors  
They have expended upon highways  
and for incidental expenses the sum  
of One Thousand & Twenty One <sup>64</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per dollar  
exclusive of labor and material contributed  
by individuals without charge (value  
estimated at One hundred & Twenty five dollars)  
but inclusive of thirty seven dollars  
which amount was the profit made  
on the horse purchased for the Town  
and sold at the close of the season.  
Deducting \$ 37. from \$ 1021. <sup>64</sup>/<sub>100</sub> leaves



\$984.<sup>64</sup> which is the gross amount  
drawn from the town Treasury by your  
Committee. There remains unexpended  
 $\$15.\frac{36}{100}$ .

During the year there has  
been put on the Public road, not less  
than three thousand full horse loads of  
material of which at least twenty five  
hundred loads was gravel.

The roads which most needed repairs  
and upon which your Committee have expended  
a large part of the money appropriated  
were as follows. The road east of Rice  
Mills, leading to Madlons line. the Northford  
road, leading past the house of James Williams.  
the road from Cordville to Ashland. from  
Cordville to Southville, thence to Rocklawn



The Cardville road near the house of Benj  
Fay. The Cardville & Faysville road near  
the house of Mr Wammum. They have  
also repaired several crop roads  
that were in bad condition.

They have laid two New Culverts. one  
between the houses of Peter P. Hove. and Mr. Williams  
and one near the house of Henry W. Buck.

They have expended about sixty dollars  
in removing small stones from the principal  
roads, and from forty to fifty dollars in  
cutting small trees and brush in various  
places where they obstructed the roads.

The various <sup>items</sup> of expense and expenditure  
have been handed to your Selectmen and passed

Your Committee would suggest  
that the sum of \$1,000. is hardly adequate



to keep sixty miles of public road in  
good repair.

1866

During the fall of 1865 the  
question arose whether the bridge on  
the Cordville road connecting the  
estate of Mr Fowbridge Brigham, under  
which is a passage way for cattle  
should be repaired by the Surveyors  
or by the Selectmen, which question  
is hereby submitted to the town.

Highway Surveyors  
Report 1866  
accepted

In conclusion your Committee  
recommend the continuance of the present  
system, as more equal and economical  
than the old, and as calculated to  
promote the best interests of the town

Respectfully Submitted Joseph Burnett  
Chairman  
for the Highway Surveyors



Upon the Petition of George W. Woodman  
and others, to us presented, for a new  
Town Way to be laid out and located from  
the southerly terminus of the road leading  
southerly from a bulvert a few rods easterly  
of the house of Sullivan F. Duthank, to  
Frammingham line, at the east side of the  
Brick Yard. We, the subscribers, Selectmen  
of Southborough, having viewed said premises  
and adjudged that the Prayer said Petitioners  
ought to be granted; and having given legal  
notice to the owner of the land over which  
said road was proposed to be located, of our  
intention to locate the same; and having met  
this twenty-second day of June eighteen  
hundred and sixty<sup>2164</sup>, and heard all persons who  
desired to be heard thereon, have laid out and  
located for the use of the Town a new Town Way  
as follows to wit:

Beginning at said terminus, near the Shop of  
Herbert Burbank, at a stake and stones on  
the easterly line of said road, previously located  
and accepted by the Town: thence running  
 $S\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W$  four rods to an angle: thence  $S 19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$   
three rods to an angle: thence  $S 45\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E$  two rods to  
an angle: thence  $S 53\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E$  two rods, more or less, to



to a stake and stones at Birmingham  
line. The whole length of road this day  
laid out by us is eleven rods, more or less.  
The same is located two rods wide on the  
westerly side of said metes and bounds; and  
is laid out entirely overland of said Burbank.  
We have allowed the owner of the land sixty  
days from this date in which to remove any  
trees or other property from the land over which  
said new road is located.

We have awarded for damages, to said Burbank  
the sum of Thirty — dollars

Said Road is hereby reported to the Town for  
their acceptance; and when accepted and  
recorded is forever after to be known as a public  
Town Way

Dated at Southborough this twenty second  
day of June eighteen hundred and sixty six

Curtis' Newton } Selectmen  
Caleb S Williams } of  
Southborough



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New Road.  
Selectmen's  
Report  
June 22 1866  
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Accepted at the  
Town Meeting July 2<sup>d</sup>  
1866

J. Estlin Town Clerk

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From Salliman Ostrander

to

Wrentham Library



To the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough.

We, the undersigned, Highway Surveyors and Road Committee of the town of Southborough, beg leave to make the following report.

Your Committee found the roads, particularly over the hills, in a very bad condition owing to the very severe rains. They purchased a horse, cart, and harness, and all necessary tools: they also engaged the services of Mr. Warren Farmer, as Superintendant, and James Maley and John Killgariff as his assistants, for the term of six months each, who have labored with fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of your Committee.

Upon examining the roads, the Committee found many of them requiring immediate attention, as the great run of water from the hills, had left gullies, which were dangerous to travellers. They immediately procured from the different districts in town, all the help that could be had, in order to render the highways safe and passable. The heavy rains in July caused great damage to the roads, as they were badly washed, where they had not been already repaired and protected by suitable bars. The County road, leading from Framingham to Westborough, which is the principal thoroughfare in town, seemed to your Committee, to require much care and labor. A portion of that road, leading through the east part of the town, especially over the hills, required thorough repairing, and, during the season, upwards of one thousand loads of gravel have been applied upon the whole line of the road, not including gratuitous labor. Your Committee have therefore felt themselves justified in expending upon the roads in the East part of the town, more than the usual appropriation for that section, while upon the roads in the South part of the town, where the roads are comparatively good, they have expended less than the usual amount: they consider that very little more expense will be required upon the County road, leading from Framingham to Westborough, for some years, which will leave appropriations for the future







future, properly to be expended upon other and less important roads. There has also been applied upon the road leading from the County road to Northborough upwards of 800 hundred loads of gravel: upon the Cordaville road, leading from Southborough Centre, one hundred loads: upon the Turnpike, 800 hundred and fifty loads: upon the road leading from Gayville to Cordaville, 800 hundred and twenty ~~five~~ loads: upon the road leading from Westborough to Marlborough, past the houses of S. E. Brigham and Jonas Fay, one hundred and fifty loads: upon road from Southborough Centre to Marlborough, seventy five loads, besides many hundred loads which have been applied upon the various roads of less importance, upwards of three thousand loads of material, mostly gravel, having been placed on the different roads in town.

Your Committee would call the attention of the town to the insufficient water course on the road leading from the County road, to the house of Mr James Williams. Once during the season, their attention was called to this spot after a freshet, and the road was found in a very dangerous condition, and the Committee would recommend an appropriation to enlarge the water course. It is proper in this connection, that your Committee should state, that a private subscription amounting to One hundred twenty five dollars was placed in their hands, to be used under their direction, in repairing the road from the Post Office in Southborough to the Southborough Centre Depot, and they thankfully acknowledge their obligation due to Messrs J. A. Winchester, C. W. Buck, Edmund Union, Joseph Burnett, James L. Hunt and others for thus enabling them to commence on the said road, which, they hope in time, to see finished.

In conclusion your Committee, after careful consideration and a close estimate of the amount of labor performed and its cost, are satisfied that this system of repairing the highways, is a very great saving to the town, and they would respectfully submit to the candid and intelligent minds of the citizens of Southborough, whether a system of labor, constantly and regularly pursued, is not likely to produce much greater results for the same money, than under the old system.

Joseph Burnett  
James L. Hunt  
John. Hunt



Highway Surveyors

Report

Accepted

1867



# Highwayers Report

for the year 1867

The Committee for the repair of the Highways submit the following report We contracted with Mr Charles Temple as fore man at two dollars per day and gave him one dollar for his horse while in use We hired as his assistants Michael Maly and James Cox for one dollar and ninety cents Mr Cox left us after working eight days and at the end of the first month Mr Maly demanded two dollars per day which we thought best to give him

We expended the sum of \$880,55 before the first of July the whole amount expended on the road and culverts the past year was 1344,05 being \$5,95 less than the appropriation

We have build and repaired the following Culverts one near the Baptist Church one near Thomsons paint Shop one near Sullivan Bally one near the Widow Fishers one near Jonas Dags one near Peter Shuttleworths and repaired the one in Southville at an expense of about twenty <sup>five</sup> dollars We have hired considerable labor by the day for which we paid twenty cts per hour for men and one and fifteen cts for a horse and cart

We have on hand belonging to the town one horse Cart and harness 1 iron bar 1 Wrench 1 stone hammer 1 pick 3 axes 2 rakes and 4 old shovels the whole valued



at \$5 dollars we would also call the  
attention of the Town to the large amount of  
labor performed by our Public Spirited  
Citizen Dr. Burnett and others on the  
hill west of Mr. Webster's making it one of  
the handsomest streets in the vicinity without  
any cost to the town

All of which we Respectfully Submit

Wilson Gilmore	} Highway Surveyors
Benjamin H. Fay	
Peter Walker	



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Highway Surveyors  
Report

Accepted

Report  
1828

Highway Surveyors



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Horcesterss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Horcesters within and for the County of Horcesters on the Third Tuesday of June A.D. 1869 and by adjournments on the Tenth day of September A.D. 1869.

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Horcesters Mass.

We the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Southborough respectfully represent that a County road was laid out in said Southborough. From Fayville to Ashland in the year eighteen hundred and forty eight. The same was laid out three rods wide excepting about six rods of its length near the road formerly the Boston and Horcesters Turnpike. In consequence of there being a house standing in the way this short piece of road was only laid out two rods and a sixteen links wide said house has since been burnt down. The Public Convenience and wants require that said short piece of the County road should be widened. Therefore your petitioners respectfully ask that your Honor would view the said premises and widen said County road so that it shall be three rods wide throughout its entire length. Southborough July 1869.

D. H. Brewer and 11 others

Horcesterss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Horcesters within and for the County of Horcesters on the third Tuesday of June A.D. 1869 and by adjournments on the ninth day of August A.D. 1869

On the petition of said Ordered, That notice



be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the Andover Depot of the Boston and Albany Rail Road Company in said Southborough on Wednesday the eighth day of September 1869 at eleven of the clock in the forenoon by publishing an attested copy of said Petition and of this order thereon in the Worcester Daily Spy a newspaper printed in Worcester in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid.

And it is further Ordered That the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of the said Town of Southborough with an attested copy of said Petition and Order twenty days at least and also post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said Town of Southborough fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid at which time and place the said Commissioners will proceed to view the road set forth in said Petition to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon, and if they shall adjudge that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted then to widen said County road as for public convenience and wants require as above described and to assess all such damages as any person or corporation may sustain by the widening of the road aforesaid and to do whatever else may legally be done in the premises.

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned and having been satisfied that all persons and Corporations had been duly notified and having viewed the road set forth in said Petition and having heard all persons and Corporations



interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon  
Considered and adjudged that the prayer of said petition  
ought to be granted. That Public Convenience and  
necessity require that the road aforesaid should be widened  
at the West end near the Boston and Worcester Turnpike  
so called as follows to wit. Beginning at a stone monument  
imbedded in the ground and numbered 39 said stone  
monument is on the Southerly side of the location by land  
of Mrs Hannah D. Fay wife of Col. Artemas Fay and  
bears from a stone monument No 34 North  $17^{\circ} 40'$  West  
and is 34 rods and 13 links distant therefrom said stone  
monument No 34 was erected by the County Commissioners  
in 1848 in locating the County road from Fayville  
to Ashland. Thence in Southwesterly and on the easterly side  
of the location and on land of Mrs Hannah D. Fay  
North  $17^{\circ} 50'$  West 7 rods  $9\frac{1}{2}$  links to a hole drilled in  
a stone monument imbedded in the ground and  
numbered 40 standing on the Southerly line of said  
Boston and Worcester Turnpike and is at the  
Northerly end of the location said stone monument No 40  
bears from the South East corner of the store of Curtis  
and Dexter Newlon South  $43^{\circ} 40'$  East and is 8 rods  
3 feet and six inches distant therefrom. The location  
and widening aforescribed is on the east side 4 links  
in width is over land of Mrs Hannah D. Fay. The rest  
is over said County road from Fayville to Ashland except  
7 feet at the North end is over what was formerly a part of  
the said Boston and Worcester Turnpike said road  
as above described is widened and located to the  
width of three rods on the westerly side of the metes  
and bounds aforescribed and adjoining thereto  
The County Commissioners having heard all



persons and a corporation in relation to damages who expressed  
a desire to be heard thereon considered and adjudged  
That the following sum be paid to Mrs Hannah D. Fay  
wife of Col. Artemas Fay in full consideration for all  
damages caused by <sup>the</sup> location and widening of the road  
as aforesaid namely.

The sum of Fifty Dollars.

And the said Hannah D. Fay has the term of  
sixty days to remove all fence stones and cellar wall  
that may be within the location aforesaid

Delaware Twp } County  
J. Warren Bigelow }  
William O'Brien } Commissioners

Attest.

John Mason  
Clerk for term.

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County Road  
Fairville to Ashland,  
Aug. 1889.